

August 18, 1937

Mr. A. J. Barnes, Warden  
Arizona State Prison  
Florence, Arizona

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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date in which you ask for an opinion relative to the number of days a death watch should be placed prior to the execution of condemned men in the State Prison.

The laws of this state make no provision for the placing of a death watch over the condemned prisoner, and while in the past a death watch has been placed, we believe that this practice originated through a custom rather than a law.

Trusting that this is the information you desire, I am

Yours very truly,

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